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Whereas, the General Elections to Lok Sabha-2014 are scheduled to be held on 12-04-2014 for the two seats in the State of Goa and the Model Code of Conduct is already in force;

And whereas to prevent undue influence of voters through distribution of liquor and to ensure free, fair, peaceful and orderly conduct of the election process, it is felt appropriate that the timings for closure of all liquor bars/shops, pubs, provision stores, etc. need to be curtailed;

And whereas Section 29(A) of Goa Excise Duty Act, 1964 and Rules thereunder empowers the District Magistrate to order the closure of liquor bars, restaurants serving liquor, liquor shops, pubs, provision stores, etc. at such times and for such period as may necessary and appropriate for preservation of public peace and tranquility.

And whereas, in my considered opinion, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under sub-section

(1) of Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for closure of all bars and all shops, pubs, provision stores, restaurants where liquors are being served or sold;

And whereas, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not permit of serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed.

Now therefore, I, D. P. Dwivedi, District Magistrate, North Goa, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P. C., 1973 read with Section 29A of the Goa Excise Duty Act, 1964, do hereby order that all the liquor bars, shops, pubs, shacks, clubs, provision stores or any establishment serving or selling liquor in 1-North Goa Parliamentary Constituency shall be closed every day by 11.00 p.m. with immediate effect till 09-4-2014. However, this order does not apply to those establishments, provision stores, etc. which are required by law to be closed before 11.00 p.m.

Failure to comply with this Order shall result in the cancellation of licences and the owner or offender shall be liable for penal action under Section 188 of Indian Penal Code, Section 30 of the Excise Duty Act, 1964 and other relevant provisions of laws in force.

Given under my hand and seal of this office, this 4th day of April, 2014.

D. P. Dwivedi, IAS
District Magistrate,
North Goa.

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